Introduced by Senators Battin, Margett, and Soto

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 90—Relative to the Pearl Harbor Memorial Highway *and the Deputy Bruce Lee Memorial Highway*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 90, as amended, Battin. Pearl Harbor Memorial Highway and the Deputy Bruce Lee Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the portion of Interstate Highway 10 located in California as the Pearl Harbor Memorial Highway. The measure would also *designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 111 as the Deputy Bruce Lee Memorial Highway.*

The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and markers.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, On December 7, 1941, just before 8 a.m. on a
- 2 Sunday morning, the first wave of bombers began the attack on
- 3 Pearl Harbor that led the United States into World War II. It was
- 4 an unforgettable day for those who lived through it and one which
- 5 called America forth to defend itself, and in so doing, inspired a
- 6 generation of Americans to rise and lead the defense of freedom
- 7 around the world; and

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WHEREAS, On December 7th, 1941, 2,335 people were killed in action and 1,178 were wounded; and

WHEREAS, The majority of the Pacific Fleet that was damaged and sunk in the attack was at one time home ported in California, but was deployed to Pearl Harbor by President Franklin D. Roosevelt just prior to the war; and

WHEREAS, California is home to about 2000 brave and patriotic survivors and it is their desire to honor both those that lost their lives and those that went on to protect the United States; and

WHEREAS, It is important and fitting that we pay tribute to and commemorate the gallant men and women who defended our country in its darkest hour; now, therefore, be it and

WHEREAS, The dedicated men and women who have chosen law enforcement as a career face extraordinary risk and danger in preserving our freedom and security; and

WHEREAS, On May 13, 2003, Deputy Bruce Lee of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department died while responding to a domestic disturbance call. His untimely death at 45 years of age, in pursuit of the highest ideals of public safety, has brought immense sorrow to the people of the community and the state, and to countless individuals whose lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate at this time to recognize the hazardous work, serious responsibilities, and strong commitment that Deputy Bruce Lee willingly accepted during his nearly 23 years as a law enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Bruce Lee was recognized throughout the community as a fair man who treated people with respect and always went out of his way to help others, as the friendly officer on the beat, and as the officer who enjoyed his job and liked working for and serving the community; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Bruce Lee began his career with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department on September 2, 1980, and in his assignment to the Indio Station, he demonstrated the highest standards of law enforcement; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of Interstate Highway 10 located in California from its starting point at State Highway Route 1 in the City of Santa Monica to its terminus at the Arizona state line at the Colorado River as the Pearl Harbor Memorial Highway; and be it further

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Resolved, That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of State Highway Route 111 from its starting point at Washington Street in the City of La Quinta to its terminus at Jefferson Street in the City of La Quinta as the Deputy Bruce Lee Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signage requirements for the state highway system, showing these special designations, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.